

A TRIP THROUGH SONORA.

A Glance at the Route of the Coming Road.

Prejudice Against Americans and Its Cause
—Charming Mexican Belles—A Market
for Bachelors—Reminiscence of
Princess Salm Salm—An En-
terprising Agriculturist—
Port of Guymas.

The State of Sonora and Its Prospects.
TUCSON, ARIZONA, November 1, 1879.
To the Editor of The National Republican:
SIR: All Americans are, of course, called foreigners in Mexico, but all foreigners who have gone there are by no means Americans; but the United States are claimed by all of these "intruders" to be their home, and hence all the racial, international, plots and counterplots, for mischief

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das and shade about them. In the centre of the town is a fine plaza, where the large State capital building stands, with its tower and dome, and having a large legislative hall and court rooms and other handsome office rooms. The plaza around the building is not ornamented, but an avenue of trees leads to it, and there is a park of over a more pretentious town. It is one lovely *parterre* of flowers, shrubs and trees, hanging with the vines of the *Passiflora* and other vines, with ornamental shade, with a great many iron reticence and chairs for visitors. It was a lively and pretty resort. South of this stood the splendid brick residence of the Governor, with a fine garden, and the stifle, a fine and venerable-looking chieftain. Around it is a wide, ornamental veranda, and a large, airy, comfortable, neat and other choices of furniture, different, neat and other choices

fruits. It is now occupied temporarily by one George A. Hunter, who is at the head of the great San au Drove and Mine Grande mines of \$10,000,000. We found a hotel, kept by a Frenchman, to be well kept—all the delicacies of the tropics on hand. At night, special invitations were sent us to visit the house of the rich and cultivated widow, Madame Aguillar, where a brilliant party and

dance was given. Fifteen or twenty charming Castilian brunettes of bewitching grace were there wearing perfect toilets. Most of them were rich and nobody there to marry them. We gave the hint to Washington boys wanting rich wives. They were surely modest, graceful and loveable women. A number of them played the piano and sang operatic airs equal to Ashton or Rosa. We saw

also a telephone operating in this machine connected with the large ranch of the son, four miles off. The stores of Oures are some of them large and quite ornamental, but few mechanics are there. The poor find work on the farms and mills around the town. General Pelqueria works a large gold mine near Delicias. The town has clean streets, paved with stone. The ladies wear no hats but like Peruvian women, wear *rebozos*, or shawls.

covering the face all but the eyes, dress finely, and the younger cannot go on the streets alone. One church is here, Catholic, of attractive Moorish architecture, daily thronged with young people who go, we suppose, as their only pleasure, and linger in praise and song. But perhaps the most interesting greeting we got was meeting with an old American, Colonel George M. Green, who for

Twenty years has lived in and served Mexico, winning a reputation for courage and chivalric conduct equal to the most dashing of the Satriani knights of old in many a battle. He has medals and congressional diplomas of honor of the highest grade, and enjoys the love of the whole people. He it was to whom Maximilian surrendered himself on the 17th of June, 1867, while

He was committed by the American Legion of Honor. The Emperor dowered a surrender directly to a Mexican officer, and wished Colonel Green to surrender him to General Corona as he stood in mortal fear of General Escobedo and desired to pass into Mexican authority by the hand of an American, believing that he would receive better treatment and less hazard of life, for he knew well the bitterness of the native feeling.

against him for his violent invasions of Mexican soil. Of this surrender he makes a story of absorbing interest, and relates as well the appearance of the famous Princess Salm Salm (so well known in Washington during our own war). It was early in the morning, and he lay wakefully in his tent, thoroughly in *chabot*, only shirt and drawers on when the tent curtains were thrown back and the

She bowed, and with the infinite sweetness of voice and grace which had once captured the whole inschinery of the War Department at Washington, and brought scores of generals at her feet said, "Good morning; Colonel Green, I presume."

and went on in apology for his abrupt appearance to him, told him his own yearnings to hide himself behind blankets. Finally he had herdseed and became reconciled to his state and fate. She explained, told him of her husband's then imprisonment, and begged a way through the lines to see him, in piteous tones and tears. The Colonel sent for two persons, one your Lieutenant Hoxie, and tried to oblige her. She went off on her way.

with the officers, in an effort to get to the Prince through the lines, and on her way was met and detained by other officers on the staff of the Commander in Chief, and sent out of the place, under the suspicion, which suddenly went out, that she was conspiring, or would conspire with officers improperly. But the Prince was soon released, and her promises never to forget the Colonel, she has

After Maximilian's surrender Colonel Green was sent to the relief of General Diaz, who was engaged in forcing the surrender of General Muro. The fall of Mexico City was not far off.

The school system of Oures is very good, and the attendance is generally the best. The people are sober and orderly.

After the delightful hospitalities of Morale, we push on by the beautiful banks of the Sonora, along which farms of great fertility and beauty spread out in exquisite verdure, as far down as the Yese-

mine, world indifferently by Mexicans, but about falling into American hands, thence a few miles through San Jose and other little villages evincing thrift, until we reach the Tepowa ranch, large and fine in its character, and owned by the Gandara family. A few miles further on, after passing through vast fields of sugar-cane and other fine farms, with superb mountain scenery skirting the distant horizon, we enter our valley, which we find

were rich ore deposits everywhere, and old mines now unworked, we then came to the *hacienda* Molena, owned by two brothers Camacho, who live like princes. Don Paqual, one of them, showed us their large sugar and flour mills, tobacco houses and other points of interest about the place, and gave us a right royal night's entertainment with good eating. About the mill

and dwellings we found all modern improvement. One wheat field was nine miles long and all fenced in. Below this for twenty miles the country is rich in soil, but waste and strewn with the ruins of dissolving revolutions and disorders from Indian troubles. The valley continues very wide, and on the hills oak timber abounds. No farming, however, in all seasons is done except by

irrigation. Vegetables of all kinds do well. I should have mentioned that in Sonora, as in Arizona, rivers sink and reappear in uncertain distances from where they are lost. Hermosillo, on the Sonora, is a beautiful city, many houses built of stone, many of them two story and architecturally handsome; a population of about 9,000, employed in milling, manufacturing and agriculture. The streets are

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